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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Philippe Seguela, et al.  
Appl. No.: 09/530,233  
Filed: April 26, 2000  
Title: DNA ENCODING A HUMAN PROTON-GATED ION CHANNEL  
AND USES THEREOF  
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Examiner: M. Pak  
Docket No.: 641050.90021

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT**

Sir:

In response to the notice of abandonment issued in the above-referenced case on June 30, 2003, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the status of the application. The notice of abandonment cites failure to respond to the outstanding office action of October 22, 2002, and further notes that no reply has been received.

A reply to the outstanding office action was mailed on April 18, 2003, and was received at the United States Patent and Trademark Office mail room on April 23, 2003. A copy of the reply, as filed, which includes a signed certificate of mailing under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.08 dated April 18, 2003, is enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a copy of a postcard receipt stamped to indicate receipt of the reply on April 23, 2003. A petition for an extension of three months, along with authorization to charge the extension fee to deposit account 17-0055, was included with the reply.

As a reply was timely filed in response to the October 22, 2003 action, and this reply was received at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Applicants respectfully request that the abandonment of the above-referenced patent application be rescinded.

No fees are believed necessary to enter this request. However, if fees are necessary, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fee Transmittal sheet; Petition and Fee for Three Months Extension of Time; Amendment; Declaration of Philippe Seguela and Kazimierz Babinski; and Certificate of Canadian Patent.

Authorization to charge Deposit Account 17-0055  
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